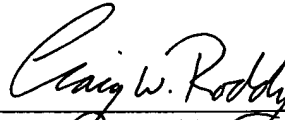


**REMARKS**

Please consider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. No new matter was added by way of the amendment. Claims 1-56, 59-62, 64-77 and 79-91 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 15, 16, 17, 18, 37, 56, 59, 61, 62, 70, 77 and 85 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 18, 37, 59, 62, 70, 77 and 85. Claims 56, 62 and 77 have been amended. Claims 57, 58, 63 and 78 have been cancelled.

All amendments are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits of this case. Antecedent basis for these amendments can be found throughout the specification. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments above be entered and submit that these amendments will put the claims in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Applicants reserve their rights to subsequently take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or an appropriate continuing application. No claims have been added and therefore no fees are believed to be due in association with this filing. However, should the Commissioner deem that additional fees are due, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Halliburton, Deposit Account No. 08-0300.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Craig W. Roddy", written over a horizontal line.

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